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Noah Lee House (Site)

1880-1900

Big Woods Community

Private

This two story frame house with two rooms down and two up was representative of the type built by the second generation of postbellum Black landowners in rural Maryland near the turn of the 20th century.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Noah Lee House (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

South side of Big Woods Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Stanley and Clara Brown

Telephone #: 972-8928

STREET &amp; NUMBER

21000 Big Woods Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code  
Maryland, 20753**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 3871

Folio #: 265

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Although this house is no longer standing, it is recalled by Florence Hallman, the community informant for the Big Woods community. According to her, the house was frame, stood two stories in height, and contained two rooms down and two up. It resembled the houses of Gene Hackett and Henry T. Onley, which remain standing in Big Woods. See photographs of those sites for more details.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	__ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	__ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__ RELIGION	
__ 1400-1499	__ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__ CONSERVATION	__ LAW	__ SCIENCE	
__ 1500-1599	__ AGRICULTURE	__ ECONOMICS	__ LITERATURE	__ SCULPTURE	
__ 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	__ EDUCATION	__ MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
__ 1700-1799	__ ART	__ ENGINEERING	__ MUSIC	__ THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	__ COMMERCE	__ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__ PHILOSOPHY	__ TRANSPORTATION	
__ 1900-	__ COMMUNICATIONS	__ INDUSTRY	__ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		__ INVENTION		Black History	

SPECIFIC DATES 1880s, 1890s BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built on land purchased by Noah Lee's father Richard Lee in 1868, as recorded in deed EBP 5/244. It was built for Noah Lee's family probably in the last decades of the 19th century. It was representative of the type built by the second generation of landowners in rural Black communities founded after the Civil War in Maryland.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.  
 Oral interviews, Florence Hallman, not taped, Big Woods community,  
 July-September, 1978.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel, Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

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DATE

Jan. 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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